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There is something fascinating about a sunken ship. It is as if the vessel was frozen

(29) _____ time at the bottom of a body of water. Thanks to popular culture, we think there is a chance of finding some treasure down there.

In May 2020, the remnants of what was thought to be the PT-59 Navy vessel

(30) _____ lifted off the bottom of the Harlem River in Manhattan. A sunken ship in a major city was news in itself. (31) _____ this boat had another interesting layer. John F. Kennedy commanded the PT-59 during World War Two, in 1943, when he (32) _____ in his mid-20s.

(33) _____ did the boat get there? After the war, it was operated as a charter boat from the 1950s to 1970s. It was painted white, its machine guns replaced by fishing rod holders and railings for anglers to lean (34) _____. Its powerful engines were replaced (35) _____ more economical twin diesels. (36) _____ in 1970, a school teacher, Redmond Burke, purchased the PT-59 for a thousand dollars and turned it (37) _____ a houseboat. He lived in it for a while. Unfortunately, it kept leaking and eventually the upkeep got to be too much (38) _____. Burke let it sink to the bottom of the river. It remained there for decades.

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The National Environment Agency (NEA) has confirmed a new regulation at hawker centres. It _____ be mandatory for diners to return their trays and clear their table litter starting _____ the 1st of June.

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No enforcement action will be taken before the 31st of August as part of _____ effort to help diners adjust. During _____ three months, those who do not return their trays will only be advised to follow the rule. After this period, action will be taken _____ those who do not comply with advice to clean up _____ themselves in public dining places.

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The Singapore Food Agency will also work with NEA to roll _____ enforcement progressively at coffee shops and food courts in the fourth quarter _____ this year. NEA said the move, _____ comes amid a public health crisis, aims to change behaviour _____ mindsets of diners in public places.

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NEA will be setting up better tray return infrastructure across the hawker centres to support this new initiative.

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As the saying goes, you are what you eat. One's health has always been closely linked to one's diet. There (29) _____ foods which are nutritional powerhouses that can make us healthier with every bite. Proceed (30) _____ the nearest market and you will find foods that have the power to fight diabetes or heart disease. (31) _____ other words, they can literally save your life.

A large study found that people of any age (32) _____ started including healthy foods in their diets improved their chances of living longer. Replacing one serving of red or processed meat (33) _____ day with one serving of nuts and peas, (34) _____ instance, was linked to significant reduction of risk of health problems later in life.

Experts (35) _____ also chosen kale, a green leafy vegetable, as one (36) _____ the healthiest foods around as it is packed with nutrients that are particularly beneficial for our eyes, heart and bones. For seafood lovers, salmon, whether farmed, wild-caught, fresh, frozen (37) _____ canned, is rich in protein, fatty acids and vitamins – (38) _____ of which are critical for good health. Hence, the next time your kitchen needs a new haul of groceries, be sure to pick up some of these superfoods!

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When I heard the rumble, I knew something was very wrong. A group of people and I had hiked _____ the top of Pacaya volcano, an active volcano, just outside Guatemala City.

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_____ our vantage point, we could see small red jets of lava shooting _____ of the volcano's cone. However, the guides said there was nothing to worry _____.

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We could see the spectacular eruptions but not hear _____. All of a sudden, there was a slow deep rumble that sounded like _____ avalanche. Then we started hearing the lava jets _____ they exploded into the air. Next, a large sulphuric cloud, smelling like rotten eggs, enveloped us. It was only three in the afternoon _____ the sky was dark. We could feel the heat of the explosion and it was like we _____ standing right next to a raging campfire.

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Our guides started running as fast as they could and they were shouting at us to do the same. It was fortunate that we ran away immediately. When I looked back, there was a river of lava _____ we had been standing. Except for a few minor injuries in our group, there were no fatalities as we narrowly escaped to safety.

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The great white shark, with its 3000 teeth, is a fearsome predator of the deep sea.

However, because of the highly profitable trade in products _____ the sharks such as
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teeth, jaws and fins, this much feared fish is in danger _____ extinction.
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Globally over the last 50 years, there has been a reported decline of between 60%

_____ 95% in great white sharks. The main threat _____ its survival comes
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from commercial and recreational fisheries.

The average size of the great white shark is 4 to 5 metres. _____ diet usually
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consists of fish, rays and sea lions. Great white sharks are found near the shore of coastlines

such as those of California and Australia. Therefore, humans _____ choose to swim along
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these shores enter the habitat of _____ creatures that have existed there for millions of
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years.

The very survival of the great white shark is _____ stake. Peter Benchley, the
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famous author of *Jaws*, _____ made a plea for its protection. "We are already close to killing
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_____ the top of the oceanic food chain with catastrophic consequences that we can't
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imagine." Let us hope that his warning does not go unheeded.

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Small pox was a terrible disease. You would _____ high fever, sore
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throat, headaches, body aches and difficulty breathing. In addition, rashes filled with pus
would be all over your body. Even _____ the rashes dry out and start falling
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off, the scars remained.

_____ a small pox epidemic in England in 1744, a farmer, Benjamin
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Jester, decided to scratch some pus from the cowpox sores into the skin of his wife and
sons. Surprisingly, none of _____ contracted smallpox.
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Many years later, Edward Jenner, _____ doctor working in the town of
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Berkeley, decided to try the same approach after gathering evidence from farmers and
milkmaids. _____ Benjamin did not know the science underlying the discovery,
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he had actually created the smallpox vaccine. He did not seek to make money from his
vaccine as he wanted _____ people to get vaccinated. Soon, small pox
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vaccination was a common practice _____ the world and small pox was
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eradicated in 1979. _____ innovation by Jester and Jenner changed the world
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and saved millions of lives. What we _____ learn from this is not to dismiss
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bizarre innovations as useless!

Adapted from www.bbc.com/future/article/20200928-how-the-first-vaccine-was-born

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The "Fortune Cat" is well-known by many. It is most commonly sighted sitting on top of cashier counters, greeting customers _____ they enter or leave the stores.

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_____ a raised paw and pointy red ears, the Fortune Cat figurine is believed to bring luck and prosperity _____ its owners. Though this little figurine

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_____ a few different origin stories, they are all based in Japan.

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In one origin story, an old woman was _____ poor that she could no longer feed her pet cat and was forced to let it go. That night, the cat appeared

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_____ her dream and said, "If you make dolls in my image, I

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_____ certainly bring you good fortune." The next day, the old woman made

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cat figurines and sold them _____ the gates of the temple. The cat kept its

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promise. The ceramic figurines _____ very popular and saved the old woman from poverty.

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Stories like this reflect the belief that cats are symbols of good fortune. In Japanese culture, there _____ a deep-rooted belief in the power of cats: Take care of

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them, and they will look after you. Perhaps that is why the figurines' popularity never seems to fade.

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Community in Bloom is a nationwide community gardening movement. Not only does community gardening contribute to the green ambience of Singapore _____ also fosters community spirit by bringing together like-minded people, _____ young and old, with an interest in gardening to bond as a community. The number of community gardens _____ increased significantly since the start of this movement.

These community gardens are common spaces _____ the residents come together to create and sustain a gardening space in their neighbourhood. Today, there are over 1,600 community gardens in Singapore adding vibrancy _____ our community spaces. They nurture the values _____ cooperation, volunteerism, and respect for nature especially in _____ multi-ethnic society.

Some community gardens are also growing edibles. Gardening with edible plants is a fun and rewarding activity _____ residents in the community. These gardens help to attract wildlife to our urban greenery _____ addition to providing edible crops. Such pockets of green spaces serve as a corridor for wildlife like butterflies and birds to migrate _____ one nature reserve to another, providing food and shelter. Thanks to these pockets of green spaces, birds and butterflies are increasingly becoming a common sight in our neighbourhoods.

Adapted from <https://www.nparks.gov.sg/gardening/community-gardens>

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A giant African pouched rat called Magawa spent years sniffing out landmines in the Cambodian countryside. Having retired from service, eating bananas and peanuts _____ now its favourite pastime.

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Magawa, originally from Tanzania, was trained _____ a Belgian organisation. It helped clear mines from 225,000 square metres of land, the equivalent _____ forty-two football pitches, in its five-year career.

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Millions of landmines were laid in Cambodia _____ 1975 and 1998, causing many casualties. _____ trained to detect the chemical compound in an explosive, the rat would alert de-miners of _____ presence by scratching the earth.

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Magawa can scurry across _____ area the size of a tennis court, detecting explosives in just thirty minutes - something _____ would take four days using a conventional metal detector. The rat is big enough to be attached to a leash as it goes about its business, _____ light enough not to set off landmines.

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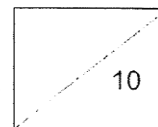
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Last year, the rodent won a medal _____ its ability and bravery in uncovering landmines and unexploded weapons.

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Magawa was the first rat to receive the bravery medal in the 77 years of the awards, joining an illustrious band of brave canines and felines - and even a pigeon.

Adapted from <https://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/asia/bomb-sniffing-rat-retires-after-award-winning-cambodian-career-14954248>



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What do you think researchers have discovered in the Amazon? You will often think of rare birds, plants _____ different insect species. Although these can be discovered there, _____ of the most unusual languages in the world exist in the Amazon too.

Everett, a researcher from America, knows a lot _____ these languages. One day, Everett, together with a friend, _____ swimming in the river when a woman from a tribe threw part of a monkey carcass into the water near them. When the water began frothing, the men realised _____ they were actually sharing the river with the piranhas – a type of sharp-toothed, predatory fish. Everett also later found _____ that the river was filled with crocodiles too!

Everett learnt his lesson to be cautious before going for a swim and he also started to learn the language of the different tribes. It was an uphill task because none of the tribesmen _____ speak English. Everett plunged into the language _____ first learning the basics. He pointed at objects until a tribesman named them for him. Then, Everett repeated the sounds the speaker had made until he got the pronunciation correct. Finally, he would confirm each new word he had learnt with _____ in the tribe.

_____, the tribe never considered him to be a true speaker of the language. To them, he was more like a very clever talking parrot who sounded like a real person.

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